

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 3, 4, 6-12 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1 and 4-12 are pending in the instant application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 1 in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action. Claims 1 and 4-12 have also been amended to improve claim language.

Claims 1 and 4-10 all now include allowable subject matter and should be allowed.

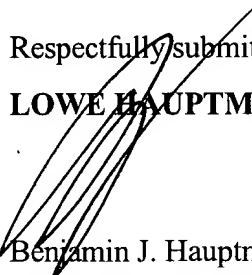
Claims 11-12 should also be allowed by virtue of their dependency on claim 9, notwithstanding the amendments made to claims 11-12 in the foregoing section.

Early indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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